

SANITARY CONDITION

Of London Is Generally Good.

The Death Rate for the Year
Was Only 12.3 Per 1,000.

Fully One Fifth of the Deaths
Due to Consumption.

Important Report of the Committee
on That Dread Disease.

At the meeting of the board of health last night, Medical Health Officer Hutchinson presented his annual report upon the sanitary condition of the city, death rate, and other matters relating to the public health, for the year ending Nov. 15, 1898, as follows: The number of deaths during the year was 472, 24 of these being due to the lamentable accident at the city hall in January. This report does not include 21 still-born. Two hundred and twenty-five cases of infectious diseases occurred in the year, as follows: Scarlet fever, 114; diphtheria, 105; typhoid fever, 46; consumption, 26. The latter disease is not reported to the health officer. One hundred and ninety-seven cases of infectious diseases were sent to the General Hospital, viz:

Number of Patients, Deaths
Typhoid fever 15 1
Scarlet fever 55 3
Diphtheria 87 3
Consumption 28 2
St. Joseph's Hospital received 17 cases of typhoid fever, with 2 deaths. There were 32 deaths from consumption, and 54 from all other infectious diseases combined. Leaving out consumption, it will be seen that of the remaining 188 cases treated in the General and St. Joseph's Hospitals, there were only 11 deaths, or a mortality of not quite 6 per cent. Of the cases treated outside of the hospitals there were 43 deaths, or a death rate of 40 per cent. As patients outside the hospitals are attended by the same physicians as those in the hospital, the great difference in the death rate in favor of the hospitals can only be accounted for by better sanitary surroundings and better facilities for combating disease, which are not always within reach of the sick in their own dwellings. There is also the fact that several cases of apoplexy occur in succession in the same dwelling, the first one only being reported. Of the 472 deaths in the city consumption is given as the cause of 59, or more than one-fifth of the whole number. At the convention of the medical health officers, held in Ottawa in September last, it was shown that there were 3,000 more deaths in the Dominion last year from consumption than from all the other infectious diseases put together, and that in Ontario 1 person in every 1,000 died from consumption.

The province last year lost 2,500 wage earners, and a distinct loss of \$2,500,000, and an indirect loss impossible to estimate.

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RAVAGES OF CONSUMPTION.

Consumption, its ravages and how to prevent the spread of this dread disease, was the absorbing question at the meeting of the board of health last night, when the following members were present: Chairman Ald. Taylor, Prof. Bowman, Messrs. Christie and Pritchard, Dr. Campbell and the board officials.

Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer also submitted a report showing the death rate of the city for the past year to have been only 12.3 per thousand, of which over one-fifth were due to consumption.

It was decided to approve of the action of the medical men, who agitated the question of over-taxing the pupils in the city schools. Too much home work was given. Mr. Bowman said it was necessary that something be done, as the evil had become so great. A committee composed of Prof. Bowman, Dr. Campbell and Mr. Pritchard was appointed to confer with the school board in the matter.

AN IMPORTANT REPORT.

Following is the report of the board's committee on consumption: Your committee on the report from the health officers' convention in the matter of consumption submit the following:

"Consumption is the most prevalent and the most fatal of diseases in Canada. Last year in the Dominion there were 3,000 more deaths from consumption than from all other infectious diseases. In Ontario one person in every 1,000 dies from consumption annually. Last year the province lost 2,500 wage-earners from this disease—which means a direct loss of \$2,500,000, and an indirect loss of an almost incalculable sum besides.

"In London this year, out of 472 deaths, 59 were from consumption, and 54 from diphtheria, scarlet fever and typhoid; so that about twice as many died from consumption as from all other infectious diseases. Two deaths in every nine were from consumption.

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MULTUM IN PARVO

The loss in New York's big fire is placed by insurance men at \$700,000. The Halton and West Huron Provincial bye-elections take place to-day.

Chatham has been without electric street lights since Sunday, as a result of the recent storm.

The St. Thomas ratepayers will be called upon to vote on a municipal street lighting bylaw.

The house of representatives at Washington passed the anti-ticket scalping bill by a vote of 119 to 101.

The announcement that Mr. W. C. McDonald, of Montreal, is to be knighted was semi-officially confirmed at McGill University.

Word has been received of the death in Vancouver, by drowning, on Nov. 21, of John Barrow, a former well-known young Brantfordite.

James McGee, aged 70, president of the New York Produce Exchange, was found dead in bed in North Plainfield, N. J. Heart disease.

The Grand Trunk telegraphers complain that the company is discharging members of the order for their connection with the association.

The whaling bark Alexander, the last of the Arctic fleet to return this year, has arrived at San Francisco, without making a single catch.

Robt. Thomson, the well-known lumber merchant, and one of Hamilton's wealthiest and most prominent citizens, died suddenly at his residence on Wednesday of heart disease.

Negotiations which have been proceeding for over three months have resulted in the sale to New York syndicate of the Lindell and Missouri street railway system of St. Louis, for \$3,500,000.

John Stein was convicted at the Toronto police court of forging the name of a fellow-employee of the Grand Trunk Railway Company on the pay roll for the sum of \$37. He was sent to the Central for eighteen months.

Gordon's general store, Spurling & Landers' hardware store and Carleton's hotel and livery stable, at Manitow, Man., were burned Tuesday night. Gordon's loss is about \$25,000; Spurling & Landers', \$5,000, and Carleton's \$5,000.

There is a tremendous grain blockade existing at present in Buffalo. Monday last the elevator storing capacity was exhausted, there were 5,000,000 bushels of grain about in the

harbor, and 1,500,000 bushels of contract wheat were due from Fort William.

Mr. L. E. and D. R. R. bonus bylaw received its third reading by the St. Thomas city council. The council decided to take no action in regard to the election of aldermen at large and the recommendation of No. 1 committee to submit a bylaw at the January elections was not entertained.

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MIDDLESEX NEWS

Mrs. B. Blackstock, Lobo, is visiting Ivan friends.

Mr. B. Blackstock, of Lobo, has bought a fine draft horse from his brother-in-law. The price paid was about \$100.

Mr. Hawkshaw, of Glanworth, shipped two cars of fine Shropshire sheep this week. One car goes to Portland, Oregon, the other to Minnesota.

Mr. Robert McRoberts, of Thorndale, has disposed of his interest in the knitting factory to Wm. Hopkins, but intends continuing at his old trade.

The old shop just north of the residence of Mr. H. McTavish on Main street, Belmont, has been bought from Mr. S. Hamby by Mr. McTavish, and is being torn down. Strachan and Proctor, who have hitherto used this building as a carriage and paint shop, have procured from Mr. Proctor, of Niles town, a building which was moved from there last week, and placed just south of the blacksmith shop.

The newly organized Belmont Gun Club held their first shoot recently, when a number of sports from the village and the surrounding country met, and, considering that this was their first contest, some good work was done.

Mr. Douglas McPherson, Glanworth, shipped a car load of cattle to Toronto this week.

Mr. Bradish, from England, is on a visit for a few days to his cousin, Mr. J. Bradish.

Mr. Colin McPherson, Glanworth, has sold his grocery business to Mr. Nichol, of Westminster.

The Ardill farm, 50 acres, situated on con. 4, Thorndale, being the south half of the east half of lot 14, Nissouri West, was sold by public auction at McLean's hotel, and purchased by Mr. Samuel Belton, Wyton, at the price of \$3,225.

The Episcopal and Methodist Sunday schools, Thorndale, are preparing for their usual Christmas entertainments, all looking forward to the annual visit of that mythical old gentleman, Santa Claus.

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Mr. George Browne, painter, of Woodville, Ont., Victoria county, says: "For thirteen years I was a sufferer from bleeding piles, and the intense agony which I passed through during those years and relief I obtained by Chase's Ointment prompts me to give this testimonial. My physician wished me to have an operation, but I felt I could be cured without the knife. Three boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment stopped the bleeding and effected a permanent cure."

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The case of Mrs. C. Allard, of Pembroke, Ont., is another of those instances, some of which we are publishing from time to time, where B.B.B. not only gave relief for the time being, but made a cure so lasting that after eight years there has been no return of the disease.

This is the letter written by Mrs. Allard, Jan. 16th, 1894:

"About three years ago I was troubled with Rheumatism in my arm and shoulder, and a queer, sleepy feeling in my arms so that they pained me a great deal at night.

"I tried different doctors and a good many remedies, but found no relief. I was advised by a lady friend to try B. B. B., and after using one bottle I felt so much better that I continued using it until I had taken in all three bottles, when I was completely cured.

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This letter was received July 6th, 1898:

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